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*“ A Happy Christmas to you !  
For the Light of Life is born.”*







A HAPPY CHRISTMAS GREETING

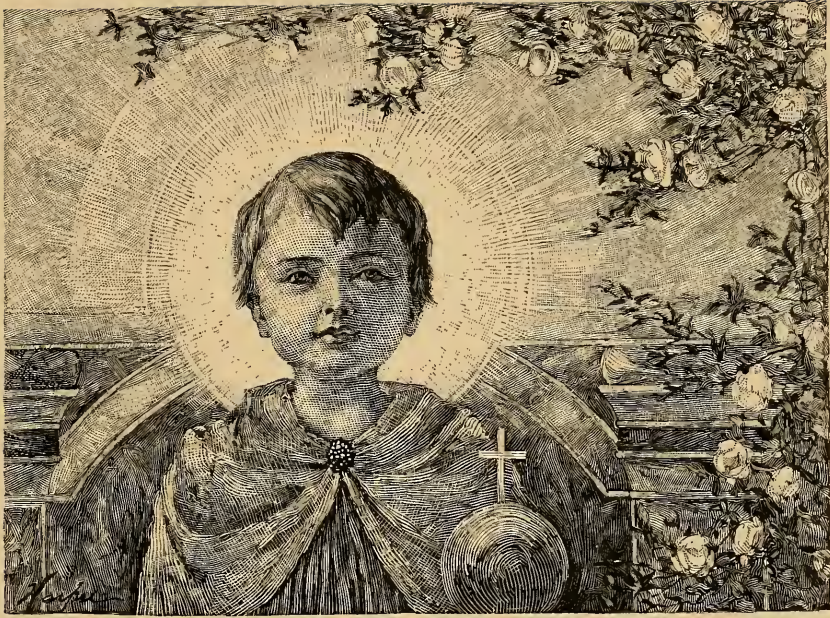
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS to you!  
For the Light of Life is born,  
And His coming is the sunshine  
Of the dark and wintry morn.  
The grandest orient glow must pale  
The lowliest western gleam must fail;  
But His great Light,  
So full, so bright,  
Ariseth for thy heart to-day,  
His shadow-conquering beams  
shall never pass away.



GUTHRIE







A HAPPY CHRISTMAS to you!  
For the Prince of Peace is come,  
And his reign is full of blessings,  
Their very crown and sum.  
No earthly calm can ever last,  
'Tis but the lull before the blast;  
But His great Peace  
Shall still increase  
In mighty, all-rejoicing sway:  
His kingdom in thy heart can never pass away.







*“And fill your soul with Christmas Song.”*





# CHRISTMAS \* SUNSHINE



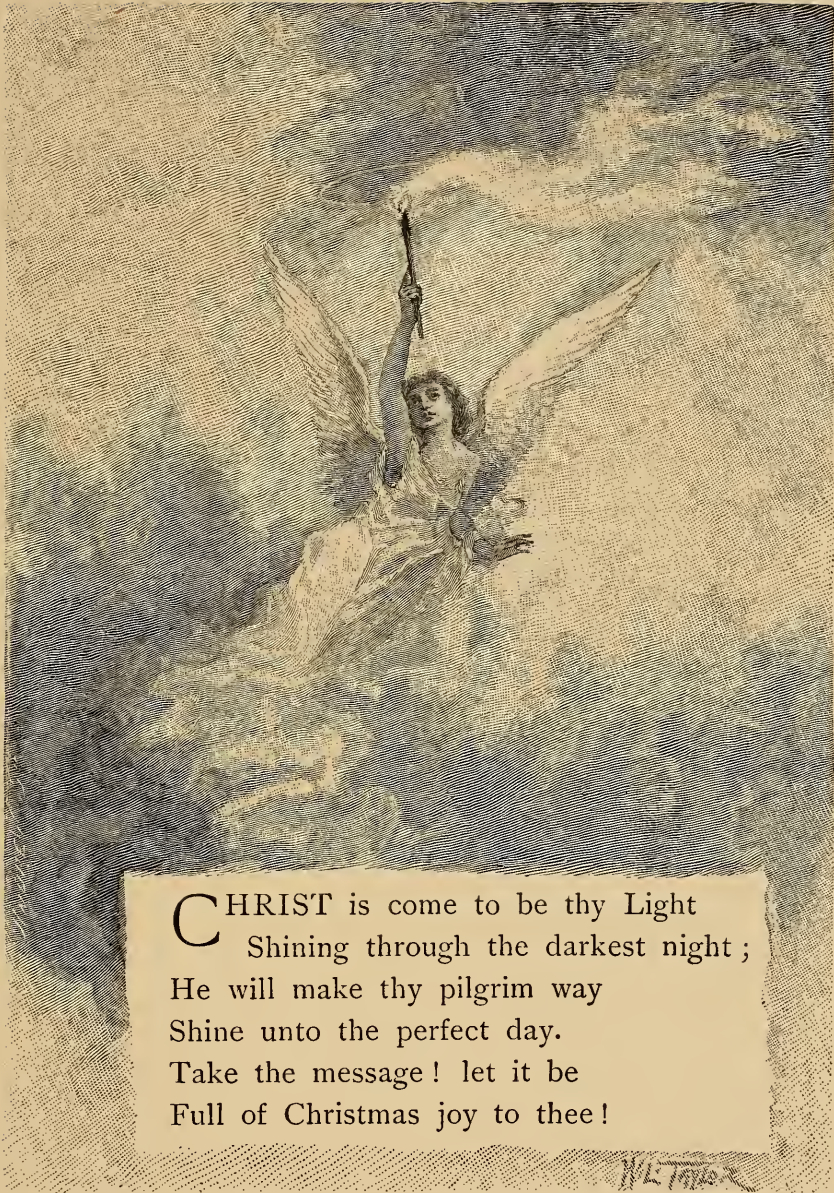
DO the angels  
know the blessed day,  
And strike their harps anew?  
Then may the echo of their lay  
Float sweetly down to you,  
And fill your soul with Christmas song  
That your heart shall echo your whole life long.



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CHRIST is come to be thy Light  
Shining through the darkest night ;  
He will make thy pilgrim way  
Shine unto the perfect day.  
Take the message ! let it be  
Full of Christmas joy to thee !







*“When the glory dazzled their mortal sight.”*



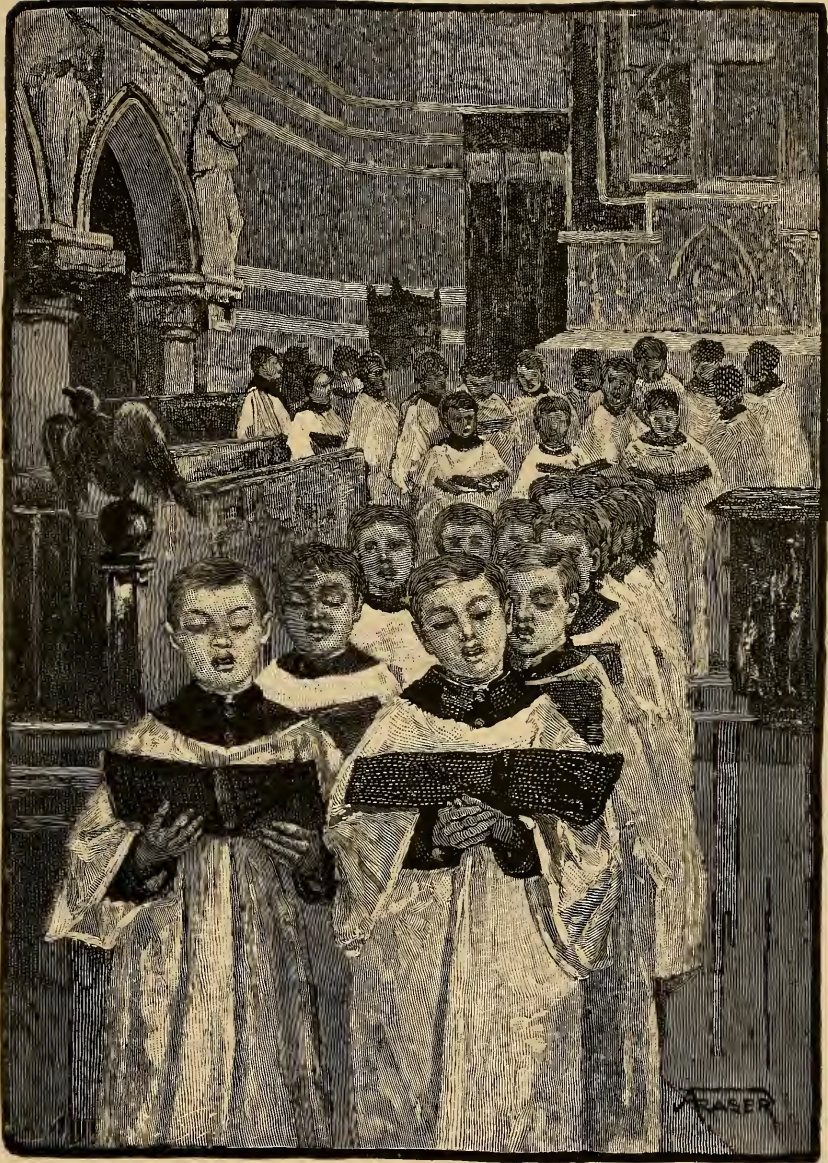


WHAT was the first angelic word  
That the startled shepherds heard?  
“Fear not!” Beloved, it comes to you  
As a Christmas message most sweet and true;  
As true for you as it was for them  
In the lonely fields of Bethlehem;  
And as sweet to-day as it was that night,  
When the glory dazzled their mortal sight.



SWELL the notes of the Christmas Song!  
Sound it forth through the earth abroad!  
Glory to God!  
Blessing and honor, thanks and laud!  
Take the joy of the Christmas Song!  
Are not the tidings good and true?  
Peace to you,  
And God's good-will that is ever new!



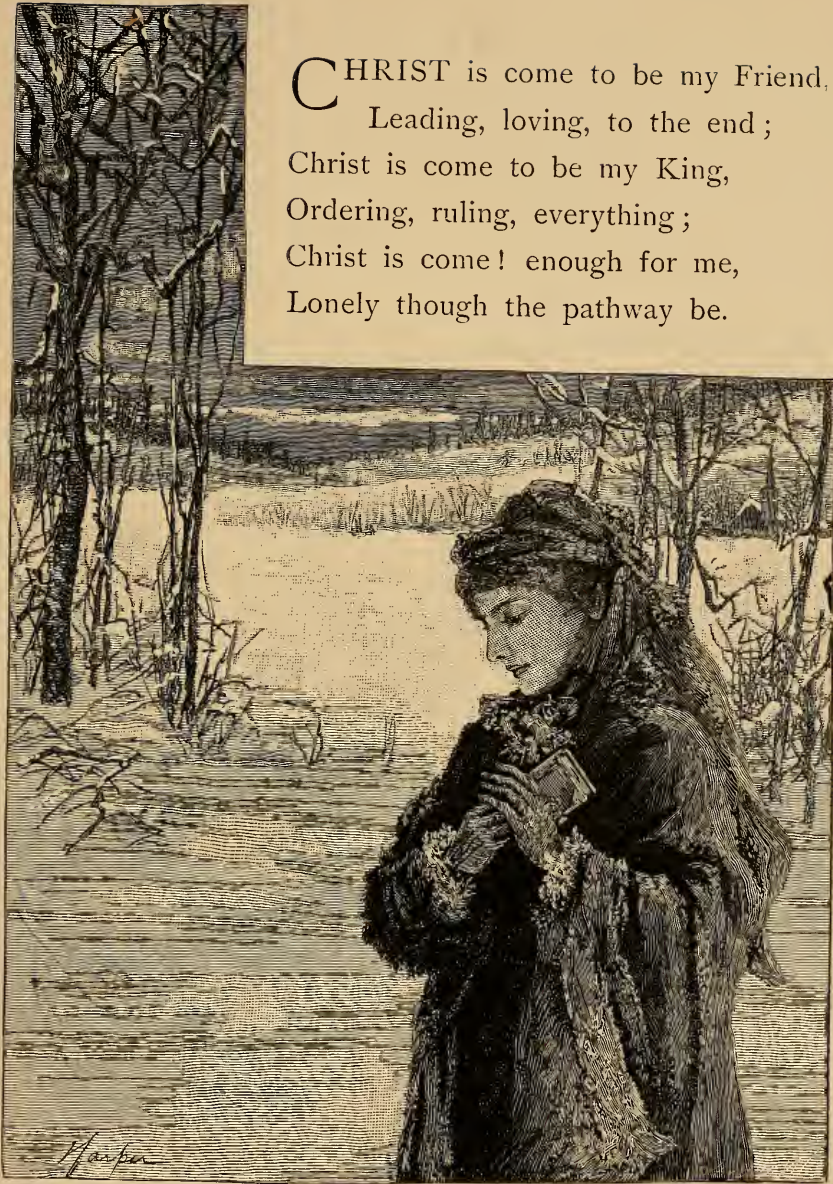


*“Swell the notes of the Christmas Song.”*





CHRIST is come to be my Friend,  
Leading, loving, to the end ;  
Christ is come to be my King,  
Ordering, ruling, everything ;  
Christ is come ! enough for me,  
Lonely though the pathway be.







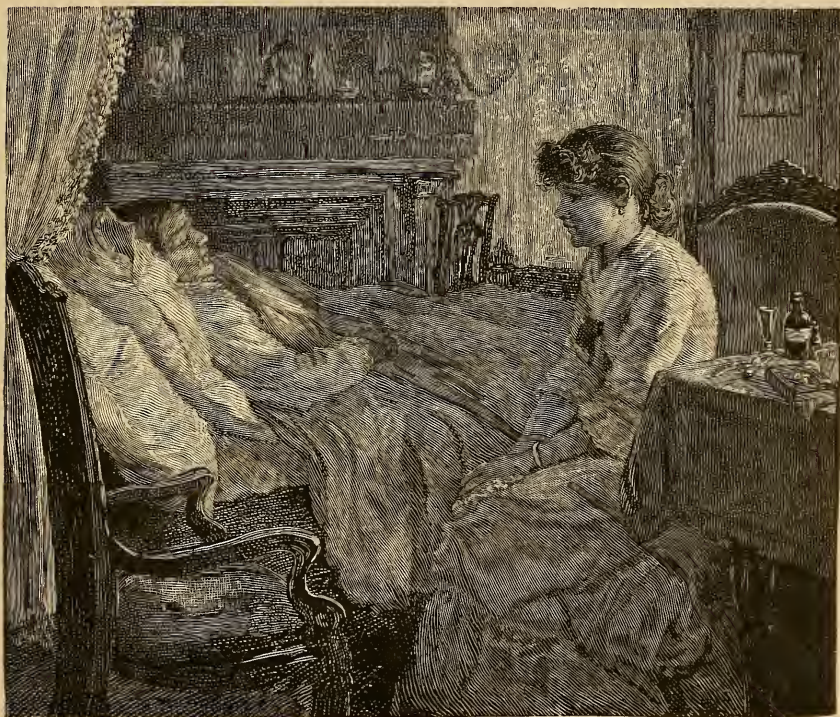
*“There is silence high in the midnight sky.”*







THERE is silence high in the midnight sky,  
And only the sufferers watch the night;  
But long ago there was song and glow,  
And a message of joy from the Prince of Light;  
And the Christmas song of the messenger-throng  
The echoes of life shall forever prolong.







UPON the same bright morning star  
Our gaze may meet, though severed far;  
The Star of Bethlehem to-day  
Shines brightly on our wintry way;  
And gazing on its radiance clear,  
Our hearts may meet, and we are near!







